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INTERNATIONAL PRELIMINARY REPORT ON PATENTABILITY (Chapter II of the Patent Cooperation Treaty)

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<p>1. This report is the international preliminary examination report, established by this International Preliminary Examining Authority under Article 35 and transmitted to the applicant according to Article 36.</p> <p>2. This REPORT consists of a total of <u>5</u> sheets, including this cover sheet.</p> <p>3. This report is also accompanied by ANNEXES, comprising:</p> <p>a. <input type="checkbox"/> (<i>sent to the applicant and to the International Bureau</i>) a total of _____ sheets, as follows:</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> sheets of the description, claims and/or drawings which have been amended and are the basis for this report and/or sheets containing rectifications authorized by this Authority (see Rule 70.16 and Section 607 of the Administrative Instructions).</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> sheets which supersede earlier sheets, but which this Authority considers contain an amendment that goes beyond the disclosure in the international application as filed, as indicated in item 4 of Box No. I and the Supplemental Box.</p> <p>b. <input type="checkbox"/> (<i>sent to the International Bureau only</i>) a total of (indicate type and number of electronic carrier(s)) _____, containing a sequence listing and/or tables related thereto, in computer readable form only, as indicated in the Supplemental Box Relating to Sequence Listing (see Section 802 of the Administrative Instructions).</p>																									
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Box No. I Basis of the report

1. With regard to the language, this report is based on the international application in the language in which it was filed, unless otherwise indicated under this item.

- This report is based on translations from the original language into the following language _____, which is the language of a translation furnished for the purposes of:
- international search (Rule 12.3 and 23.1(b))
 - publication of the international application (Rule 12.4)
 - international preliminary examination (Rule 55.2 and/or 55.3)

2. With regard to the elements of the international application, this report is based on (*replacement sheets which have been furnished to the receiving Office in response to an invitation under Article 14 are referred to in this report as "originally filed" and are not annexed to this report*):

- the international application as originally filed/furnished
 the description:

pages _____ as originally filed/furnished

pages* _____ received by this Authority on _____

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- the claims:

nos. _____ as originally filed/furnished

nos.* _____ as amended (together with any statement) under Article 19

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- the drawings:

sheets _____ as originally filed/furnished

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- a sequence listing and/or any related table(s) – see Supplemental Box Relating to Sequence Listing.

3. The amendments have resulted in the cancellation of:

- the description, pages _____
- the claims, nos. _____
- the drawings, sheets/figs _____
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4. This report has been established as if (some of) the amendments annexed to this report and listed below had not been made, since they have been considered to go beyond the disclosure as filed, as indicated in the Supplemental Box (Rule 70.2(c)).

- the description, pages _____
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<p>2. Citations and explanations (Rule 70.7)</p> <p>Document 1: Microfilm of the specification and drawings annexed to the request of Japanese Utility Model Application No. 43618/1975 (Laid-open No. 122479/1976) (Mitsubishi Motors Corp.), 04 October 1976</p> <p>Document 2: JP 62-246455 A (Hamai Sangyo Kabushiki Kaisha; Kabushiki Kaisha Burobakku), 27 October 1987</p> <p>Document 3: Microfilm of the specification and drawings annexed to the request of Japanese Utility Model Application No. 91008/1988 (Laid-open No. 15244/1990) (Kokan Kikai Kogyo Kabushiki Kaisha; NKK Corp.), 30 January 1990</p> <p>Document 1 cited in the international search report discloses a chip removal method for removing chips and other such residual materials which remain adhered to the interior of a saccate machine hole that has been formed in a work, wherein air is blown in the direction towards the bottom part of the machine hole by means of an air blowing nozzle so as to blow against the bottom part of the machine hole and then form a spiralling flow with a tornado-like form that blows upwards from the vicinity of</p>																										

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the bottom part of the work hole in the direction towards the opening part of the work hole in order to lift and remove the aforementioned residual materials from the aforementioned work hole by means of said spiralling flow; furthermore, document 1 also discloses an air blowing nozzle for removing chips and other such residual materials that remain adhered to the interior of a saccate machine hole in a work by means of a spiralling flow, wherein said nozzle is provided with a nozzle tip part that can be inserted into the aforementioned work hole and is configured so that in cases when the aforementioned work hole is a hole for a female screw, the aforementioned spiralling flow spirals in the direction for loosening the screw.

Meanwhile, document 2 cited in the international search report discloses technical features pertaining to a chip removal method wherein an air blowing nozzle converts the flow of air that traverses the interior of the nozzle into a spiralling flow and blows out the air, whereafter a suction is applied in order to form a spiralling flow with a tornado-like form that blows upwards in order to lift and remove the aforementioned residual materials by means of said spiralling flow; furthermore, document 2 also discloses technical features pertaining to an air blowing nozzle for removing chips and other such residual materials by means of a spiralling flow, wherein said nozzle is provided with a part for generating a spiralling flow (refer to "nozzle (14)" in document 2), which converts the flow of air that traverses the interior of the nozzle into a spiralling flow.

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Document 3 cited in the international search report discloses technical features pertaining to a method for converting the flow of air that traverses the interior of a nozzle into a spiralling flow, and also discloses technical features pertaining to an air nozzle equipped with a guide that has been twisted into a screw-like form and a part for generating a spiralling flow which converts the flow of air that traverses the interior of the nozzle into a spiralling flow, wherein said part for generating a spiralling flow is provided to the aforementioned nozzle tip part.

Claims 1 to 4

The inventions set forth in claims 1 to 4 do not involve an inventive step in the light of document 1, document 2 and document 3.

It would have been easy for a person skilled in the art to conceive of employing the abovementioned technical features that are taught in document 2 and document 3 when configuring the chip removal method and the air blowing nozzle for removing chips that are taught in document 1.